

Applic. No. 10/653,653
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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-11 and 14 are now in the application. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Claims 5 and 13 are being cancelled herewith. Claim 12 was previously cancelled.

In item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, and 11 have been rejected as being obvious over Adderton et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No.2002/0092364 A1) (hereinafter "Adderton") in view of Bankart et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,609,419 B1) (hereinafter "Bankart") under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

In item 2 on page 4 of the Office action, claims 3, 4, and 9 have been rejected as being obvious over Adderton (U.S. Patent Publication No.2002/0092364 A1) in view of Bankart (U.S. Patent No. 6,609,419 B1) and further in view of Konchin et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0102966) (hereinafter "Konchin") under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

It is appreciatively noted from item 3 on page 5 of the Office action that claims 5, 8, and 13 would be allowable if

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rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations
of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of
allowable claim 5. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable. Since
claim 1 is allowable, dependent claims 2-4 and 6-10 are
allowable as well.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the subject matter of
allowable claim 13. Therefore, claim 13 is allowable as well.

New claim 14 is original independent claim 1 amended to
include the subject matter of allowable claim 8. Therefore
claim 14 is allowable as well.

Since only allowable claims remain, the early issuance of a
Notice of Allowance is solicited herewith.

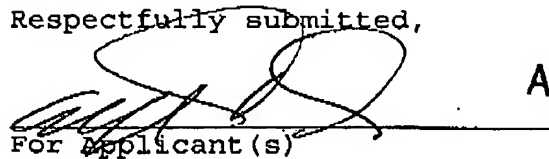
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims
to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone
call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked
out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition
for extension is herewith made.

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Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect
to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner
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